

REMARKS

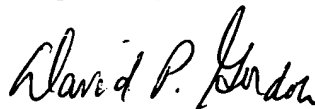
Claims 1-24, 26, and 27 are pending on appeal. Claims 1, 13, 20, 26, and 27 are independent. The Board of Appeals has affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-9, 11 and 12 and has reversed the Examiner's rejection of claims 10, 13-24, 26, and 27.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowed claim 10 which is also thereby made a limitation of dependent claims 2-9, 11, and 12.

Claims 13-24, 26, and 27 do not require any amendment.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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